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## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 12

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A SENATE RESOLUTION concerning the Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs in Lake and Porter Counties.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1       A SENATE RESOLUTION concerning the Motor Vehicle  
2       Inspection and Maintenance Programs in Lake and Porter Counties.

3       *Whereas, The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M)*  
4       *programs in Lake and Porter Counties were begun under federal*  
5       *requirements in 1984 because Lake and Porter Counties were not in*  
6       *"attainment" of federal standards for ozone;*

7       *Whereas, According to the United States Environmental Protection*  
8       *Agency (EPA), cars and trucks collectively are the single greatest*  
9       *contributor to ground-level ozone, the major component of smog;*

10       *Whereas, The purpose of an I/M program is to reduce ground-level*  
11       *ozone by ensuring that the emission control systems on vehicles are*  
12       *working correctly;*

13       *Whereas, An I/M program cannot reduce the ground-level ozone*  
14       *caused by a vehicle if the vehicle is not subject to the I/M program;*

15       *Whereas, Generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and Porter*  
16       *Counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and Porter Counties;*

17       *Whereas, Lake and Porter Counties in northwest Indiana are crossed*  
18       *by Interstate Highway 80/90 and Interstate Highway 94, two of the*  
19       *most heavily traveled highways in the Midwest, and Lake County is*  
20       *also crossed by Interstate Highway 65, another heavily traveled*  
21       *highway linking major southern cities with Chicago;*

22       *Whereas, The I/M programs, therefore, cannot do anything to*  
23       *address a major source of ground-level ozone in Lake and Porter*  
24       *Counties; namely, the many motor vehicles passing through Lake and*  
25       *Porter Counties on Interstate Highways 80/90, 94, and 65;*



1        *Whereas, The United States EPA itself predicts that remote sensing*  
 2        *technologies may soon offer the potential for a fast and convenient way*  
 3        *to identify high-emitting vehicles by taking a "snapshot" of a vehicle's*  
 4        *emissions as it passes by a sensor located on the side of the road; and*

5        *Whereas, The United States EPA's establishment this past October*  
 6        *of a new, lower ozone standard of 70 parts per billion makes this an*  
 7        *appropriate point for federal and state environmental regulators to*  
 8        *appraise the ozone control measures in place and consider whether*  
 9        *new measures should replace them: Therefore,*

10                    *Be it resolved by the Senate*  
 11                    *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

12        SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the Environmental  
 13        Protection Agency to revise or eliminate the requirements under which  
 14        the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake  
 15        and Porter Counties are operated.

16        SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
 17        transmit a copy of this resolution to Gina McCarthy, the Administrator  
 18        of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and to Susan  
 19        Hedman, Administrator for Region 5 Office of the Environmental  
 20        Protection Agency in Chicago.

